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16 April 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT Message [ ]

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The following message, from our Chief of Station in Saigon,  
was sent in response to your request on 2 April in San Clemente. [ ]  
[ ] asked that this message be delivered to you.

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"With reference to our discussion 2 April on whether  
General Abrams did or did not anticipate NVA Easter  
offensive, I have now located the Abrams message I mentioned  
to you. [ ]

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"In this message General Abrams anticipated major  
enemy assault across DMZ, reviewed most recent intelligence,  
disposition of enemy forces and POL deliveries to North  
Vietnam and concluded: 'It is clear from the foregoing  
intelligence indicators that the enemy's land campaign has  
begun. All of the combat elements are in position or approach-  
ing their final attack position. The assault phase of the cam-  
paign can be set in motion at any time that the enemy high  
command decides to do so. The enemy decision to initiate  
the assault phase will no doubt be timed to be most advan-  
tageous to the enemy.'

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"When Abrams' message shown to me (I was in my first month in Vietnam at that time) I was most impressed and notified CIA of existence of message and recommended that it be obtained from JCS.

"Problem that now confronts us is not to relive the past, but to ensure that field assessment of imminent danger is brought to attention of policy makers in timely and usable fashion."

/s/  
George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

O/DCI/SAVA [redacted] /kjs  
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TO: Messrs. Colby, [REDACTED]

FROM: George A. Carver, Jr.

SUBJECT: Message to Dr. Kissinger

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REMARKS:

[REDACTED] Attached is a cable to me from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] containing the text of a private message  
from him to Henry Kissinger. It was sent to  
Kissinger on 16 April. I am sending this copy  
for your information and retention.

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*/s/*  
George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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